

A Report on



Fiscal Year 2006 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian Organizations



**United States Department of the Interior
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Tribal Preservation Program**

INTRODUCTION

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its fourteenth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2006 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, approximately \$17.1 million has been awarded to **463** Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2006, a total of \$678,300 is being awarded to 19 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Postcards announcing the availability and how to receive a grant application and application guidelines were mailed in November 2005 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 53 proposals were received requesting approximately \$1.9 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. April 6, 2006, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

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Tribe [State]	Amount
Bay Mills Indian Community (MI)	\$ 30,203
Big Pine Tribe of the Owens Valley (CA)	\$ 7,891
Caddo Nation (OK)	\$ 39,864
Ho-Chunk Nation (WI)	\$ 20,134
Hoonah Indian Association (AK)	\$ 39,572
Jamul Indian Village (CA)	\$ 37,792
Kijik Corporation (AK)	\$ 16,890
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Chippewa (WI)	\$ 31,397
Native Village of Eklutna (AK)	\$ 40,000
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo (NM)	\$ 39,958
Peoria Tribe of Indians (OK)	\$ 60,000
Pueblo of Cochiti (NM)	\$ 22,057
Pueblo de San Ildefonso (NM)	\$ 38,646
Pueblo of Picuris (NM)	\$ 38,750
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (NV)	\$ 30,378
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma (OK)	\$ 39,878
Shishmaref IRA Council (AK)	\$ 29,910
Sitka Tribe (AK)	\$ 39,814
Wiyot Tribe (CA)	\$ 60,000
TOTAL	\$678,300

**FY 2006 Project Descriptions
Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

Alaska

Tribe:	Hoonah Indian Association
Project Title:	Traditional Skills Survey and Database of the Huna Tlingit People
Grant Award:	\$39,572.00
Description:	Funding will support conducting a survey that will identify traditional skills held by tribal members and create a database of that information.
Tribe:	Kijik Corporation
Project Title:	Quv Q'etna K'eliga'a - Our Elders' Songs
Grant Award:	\$16,890.00
Description:	Funds will pay for the translation, transcription and publishing of a rare and valuable set of recordings of twenty-four historic Dena'ina songs.
Tribe:	Native Village of Eklutna
Project Title:	Native Village of Eklutna Tribal Cultural Resources Preservation Project
Grant Award:	\$40,000.00
Description:	Funds awarded to Eklutna Village will pay for the documentation of the Elder's knowledge of historic and culturally significant sites and associated traditions through interview and site visits.
Tribe:	Shishmaref IRA Council
Project Title:	Mauqsrautaut (Hunters on the Sea Ice): A Digital Video Documentary of the Shishmaref Spring Hunt
Grant Award:	\$29,910.00
Description:	Funds will support the production of a digital video documentary of Shishmaref's Spring seal and walrus hunt and food processing knowledge and skills.
Tribe:	Sitka Tribe
Project Title:	Living with Our Ancestors: Sitka Indian Village Survey and Inventory
Grant Award:	\$39,814.00
Description:	The Sitka Tribe will use funds to document and assess the clan houses and other historic properties within the boundaries of the Sitka Indian Village.

California

Tribe:	Big Pine Tribe of the Owens Valley
Project Title:	A Traditional Cultural Properties Training on the Big Pine Reservation
Grant Award:	\$7,891.00
Description:	Funds will pay for training on Traditional Cultural Properties (as defined in National Register Bulletin 38: Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties) for the Big Pine Tribal Cultural Committee, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and Big Pine Tribal Council members (10 participants).

Tribe: **Jamul Indian Village**
Project Title: **Cultural Preservation of the Jamul Indian Village through Audio/Visual Documentation**
Grant Award: **\$37,792.00**
Description: Funding will be used to preserve the heritage and history of the Jamul Indian Village by recording seven tribal elders as they are interviewed while telling stories, which include details of the Jamul Indian Village ceremonies, the use of the Kumeyaay language, and the strong values, and beliefs that have sustained the Tribe throughout the centuries.

Tribe: **Wiyot Tribe**
Project Title: **Phase Two: Tuluwat Village Midden Protection Project, Indian Island, California**
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**
Description: The Wiyot Tribe will use their grant monies to repair and protect the Tuluwat Village midden from remediation of environmental contamination from its previous use as a shipyard and prevent impacts to the site and its underlying contents from future use of the site for ceremonies and other cultural purposes.

Michigan

Tribe: **Bay Mills Indian Community**
Project Title: **Educating Students on Cultural Tradition**
Grant Award: **\$30,203.00**
Description: The Bay mills Indian Community will use funds to educate the over 10,000 students from schools chartered by Bay Mills Community College and located throughout Michigan, on Ojibwe culture, language, traditions, and history. The Bay Mills History Department will design and present a two-hour presentation to representatives from each of the schools in history, social studies or other appropriate classes.

Nevada

Tribe: **Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**
Project Title: **Cultural Resource Inventory of Hungry Valley, Nevada**
Grant Award: **\$30,378.00**
Description: Funding will be used to enlist the help of a professional archeologist and ethnographer to locate and identify important cultural resources in Hungry Valley, Nevada by documenting (surveying, locating and inventorying) significant sites and artifacts.

New Mexico

Tribe: **Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo**
Project Title: **Ohkay Owingeh Historic Resources Inventory**
Grant Award: **\$39,958.00**
Description: Awarded funds will be used to conduct an inventory of the 28 buildings and 9 landscapes within the central core of the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh (Pueblo of San Juan).

Tribe: **Pueblo of Cochiti**
Project Title: **Pueblo de Cochiti Cultural Traditions Preservation Project**
Grant Award: **\$22,057.00**
Description: Funds will be used to construct a "horno" or traditional oven using traditional resources and methods, and incorporating the use of the Keres language to produce a thirty-minute documentary/"How To" video on the construction of these traditional ovens. In addition, an inter-generational teaching of traditional farming practices will be initiated.

Tribe: **Pueblo de San Ildefonso**
Project Title: **Remembering Our Land -- Then, Now and Always. A Documentary Film**
Grant Award: **\$38,646.00**
Description: The Pueblo de San Ildefonso will use its award to produce a 90-minute documentary film that will explore and record the historical relationship between the Pueblo de San Ildefonso and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and impact this relationship has had on Pueblo life, land and culture since LANL's inception immediately adjacent to the Pueblo over 60 years ago.

Tribe: **Pueblo of Picuris**
Project Title: **Picuris Historic Home Renovation Project Using Traditional Materials and Construction Methods**
Grant Award: **\$38,750.00**
Description: Picuris Pueblo has been awarded funds to rehabilitate the Annie Martinez house that is located in the north end of the Old Village. This project will be a model for the rehabilitation of the remaining sacred structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Oklahoma

Tribe: **Caddo Nation**
Project Title: **Finding 19th Century Caddo Communities in Indian Territory**
Grant Award: **\$39,864.00**
Description: Funds will support the Caddo Nation to research, locate and document three important locations, Longhat's Camp, George Washington's Camp and the route taken by the Caddo people from Texas to Indian Territory (Oklahoma), that are culturally significant to the history of the Caddo people.

Tribe: **Peoria Tribe of Indians**
Project Title: **Preservation of the Peoria Indian Schoolhouse - Phase I**
Grant Award: **\$20,663.00**
Description: The Peoria Tribe will use their grant funds to complete phase I of the restoration of the National Register listed Peoria Indian Schoolhouse which includes the demolition of the 1977 west addition, replacing exterior doors and windows, and repairing and painting exterior siding and trim.

Tribe: **Seminole Nation of Oklahoma**
Project Title: **Seminole Code Talker and Other Histories of the Oklahoma Seminoles**
Grant Award: **\$31,188.00**
Description: Funds will be used for an oral history project that includes interviewing eight elders who possess traditional knowledge of the tribal lifeways, history, stories, and songs of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

Wisconsin

Tribe: **Ho-Chunk Nation**
Project Title: **Ho-Chunk Nation Muscoda Mounds Restoration Project**
Grant Award: **\$20,134.00**
Description: Funds will be used by the Ho-Chunk Nation to restore and maintain three Ho-Chunk archeological sites on tribally owned property in Richland County, Wisconsin.

Tribe: **Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin**
Project Title: **The Kinnamon School Preservation Project of Lac Courte Oreilles**
Grant Award: **\$31,397.00**
Description: Funds will support the nomination of the Kinnamon School to the National Register of Historic Places, the development of a plan for utilization of the structure, and the collection of artifacts, pictures and personal histories from persons who attended the school.